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SUBJ: THROWN SILK -- GATT PANEL

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- 1. WE MET WITH JAPANESE AUGUST 8 TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF GATT PENEL FOR U.S. COMPLAINT ON THROWN SILK. WE AGREED ON THE FORMATION OF A THREE-MEMBER PANEL TO BE MADE UP OF ONE MEMBER EACH FROM A NORDIC COUNTRY, NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIA, AND A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE FORMATION OF THE PANEL, THE FOLLOWING NAMES WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT: (A) NORDIC MEMBER; EITHER SELMER (NORWAY), LEMMEL (SWEDEN) OR EKBLOM (FINLAND). (B) OCEANIA MEMBER, EITHER GREIG (NEW ZEALAND) OR HALL (AUSTRALIA), PREFERABLY GREIG. (C) LDC MEMBER; EITHER TOMIC (YUGOSLAVIA), PARMAN (TURKEY) OR FONG YEE (MALAYSIA).
- 2. AS PER REFTEL, WE ADDED CANDIDATE FROM TURKEY TO LIST, ALTHOUGH WE WERE SURPRISED AT JAPANESE ACCEPTANCE SINCE PARMAN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF U.S. REQUEST FOR PANEL AT COUNCIL MEETING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEXICAN NOT ADDED TO LIST BECAUSE MEXICO IS NOT A GATT MEMBER, AND AUSTRALIAN ADDED TO SATISFY JAPANESE DESIRE FOR MEMBER FROM EITHER NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIA IN CASE NEW ZELANADER IS UNAVAILABLE.

3. SECRETARIAT (PATTERSON) SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT CONTACT NAMES ON THIS LIST TO FORM PANEL UNTIL IT WAS CERTAIN THAT

BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10 IN TOKYO HAD FAILED TO RESOLVE ISSUE AND THAT NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WERE SCHEDULED BEFORE AUGUST 20 DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL. SORENSON

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